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Mr. Earl Pierce
Department of Health
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150 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

RE: Tentative Approval
Ranchers Exploration and
Development Corporation
Escalante Silver Mine
ACT/021/004
Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Enclosed is a copy of the letter submitted to Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation by the Division in regards to conditional tentative approval to commence mining activities at the Escalante Silver Mine site in Iron County, Utah.

Ranchers may be granted final approval by the Division upon submission of information addressing the stipulations, posting of required reclamation surety, and provided no adverse public comment is received within the 30 day comments period. The Division would appreciate a copy of any decision(s) made by your agency in regards to the Escalante project.

In addition, we would greatly appreciate receiving file copies of future decisions and/or correspondence between your agency and all mining operations in which the Division may have input or jurisdiction. The Division will make every effort to reciprocate all desired information that your agency would require.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

D.W. Hedberg
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